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## Letter from C. M. North to Floride Clemson, March 8

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Let me hear from you soon again

Your affectionates  
C. M. N.

E North

(N-4)  
IV

Philadelphia March 8<sup>th</sup>

Dear Floride,

We were all very much gratified to receive a letter from you for we have often talked of you and your mother, it is so pleasant to think of old friends and happy times, but the mind cannot dwell upon such scenes long now, for these are sad times, so much sorrow and so many bereaved ones to feel for. I felt very thankful a week ago when I had all my children with me. Glen was down from Wauch Chunk where he now lives, he looked so well, the mountain air has made him grow so strong and healthy. The boys are so well and are such a comfort to me having them all at home; but of course I



cannot expect this to last. various  
causes may call them away and I be  
left as other mother's have with many  
anxious thoughts about the absent ones.  
George was away 3 months last summer  
stationed at Fort Delaware, his services  
not being needed any longer, he has been  
in active business all winter. Willie is  
also in business, the others go to  
school, they are all well and able to  
be kept busy, which is a great source  
of happiness to themselves as well as  
to me. None of the boys have been in  
Washington since George went to see  
you on his last trip there or they would  
have gone to see you. You must have  
a very quiet time and I think your  
mother must have a good deal of  
courage too to live there, surrounded by  
such a set of mixed characters.  
We none of us know what we can endure  
till we are tried.



Bessie is growing very fast but she is so thin that she is poor-looking, and yet she is never sick, she is very active. Herbert is very hardy runs out in all weathers, but is growing up tall and thin, I suppose he will grow stouter after a few years as some of the others have. George and Clarence will be a moderate size, the others will all be decidedly tall I think. I would like above all things to have your mother's and your photographs to see how you look these times. I have had mine taken but no one thinks they are good I shall try it again, then I will send you one. My eyes are light and sunken somewhat and do not take well and as the eye is the most expressive feature in the face, the picture is poor unless it is decided. So many years of anxiety & care can scarcely have passed over without leaving its mark



and I dare say your mother will  
say that I have decidedly grown old.  
Are your mails safe and certain  
now, there is such a crowd of matter  
going to Washington every day, that  
I thought it would perhaps make  
irregularity and confusion. I will  
hear from you again however and  
receive yours before mine will be  
ready. We have had constant snows  
this winter, with very little sleighing  
and of course a great deal of bad  
walking. Your ground dries off so  
soon that I suppose you will soon  
think of gardening. As an aid to  
your mother, I expect you will  
learn to farm as well as to keep  
house, so you see that these times  
will bring you out and cause you  
to try what you can do. I know that  
you are too good a daughter not to  
try very hard and to succeed of course  
Give much love to your mother from  
me. Mr North sends his kindest regards  
to your mother and yourself.